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Interview dates: August 27 – August 31, 2009
Interviews: 1,057 adults; 903 registered voters
499 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 401 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3.01 for all adults; ± 3.26 for registered voters
 ± 4.39 for Democrats; ± 4.89 for Republicans

**Ipsos/McClatchy Poll
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted August 27 – August 31, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,057 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3.01 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

1. As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform proposals presently being discussed?

	8/27- 31/09
Favor.....	40
Oppose.....	45
(Don't have an opinion)	14
(Don't know/Not sure).....	1

- 2a. Should the primary goal of a national health care overhaul be more to extend health insurance to the millions of Americans who now lack it, or should the primary goal be to rein in the rising costs of health care? If you had to choose one goal over the other, which would you choose? (Asked of half of respondents in August)

	8/27- 31/09	7/9- 13/09
Extend health insurance to Americans who now lack it.....	49	46
Rein in the rising costs of health care.....	39	44
(There should not be a health care overhaul)	4	5
(Don't know/Not sure).....	8	4

- 2b. Should the primary goal of a national health care overhaul be more to extend health insurance to the millions of Americans who now lack it, or should the primary goal be to rein in the rising costs of health care? If you had to choose one goal over the other, which would you choose? (Asked of half of respondents in August; not asked in July)

	8/27- 31/09
Extend health insurance to Americans who now lack it.....	43
Rein in the rising costs of health care.....	40
Both.....	7
(There should not be a health care overhaul)	4
(Don't know/Not sure).....	7

3a. Which of the following parties involved in health care reform do you trust the MOST to make sure that all Americans have access to quality healthcare?

	8/27- 31/09	7/9- 13/09
Doctors and other health practitioners....	28	20
President Barack Obama.....	27	26
Republicans in Congress.....	14	10
Democrats in Congress.....	12	14
Health insurance companies.....	4	9
Pharmaceutical companies.....	1	3
(None of them)	11	13
(Don't know/Not sure).....	4	5

3b. Which of the remaining parties involved in health care reform do you trust the LEAST to make sure that all Americans have access to quality healthcare?

	8/27- 31/09	7/9- 13/09
Health insurance companies.....	20	19
Republicans in Congress.....	18	20
Democrats in Congress.....	17	16
Pharmaceutical companies.....	15	17
President Barack Obama.....	14	14
Doctors and other health practitioners....	4	6
(None of them)	6	5
(Don't know/Not sure).....	6	4

One of the points being debated is whether or not the government should create a public health insurance plan as an alternative to private insurance plans.

4. Which of the following is closest to your opinion?

	8/27- 31/09	7/9- 13/09
It is necessary to create a public health insurance plan to make sure that all Americans have access to quality healthcare.....	49	52
Access to quality healthcare for all Americans can be achieved without having to create a public health insurance plan.....	46	44
(Don't know/Not sure).....	5	4

5. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor	Oppose	(No opinion)	(Not sure)
Specific regulations to ensure basic patients' rights, such as portability of coverage.....	74	15	8	2
Legislation to permit the creation of insurance co-operatives NOT run by the government.....	54	36	9	1
Creation of a public entity to directly compete with existing health insurance companies.....	49	41	8	2

6. In thinking about health care reform, which of the following comes closest to your own personal opinion?

The focus of health care reform should be on making gradual but continuous improvements	75
The focus of health care reform should be on fixing everything at once...	22
(Don't know/Not sure).....	3

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes.....	85
No.....	14
(Not sure)...	-

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat.....	24
Moderately Democrat....	10
Lean Democrat.....	14
Strongly Republican.....	12
Moderately Republican...	10
Lean Republican.....	16
Independent (No lean)...	15

Initial Democrats.....	34
Total Democrats.....	47

Initial Republicans.....	22
Total Republicans.....	38